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Driver, James G. "Bobo" family Smithville collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	Tennessee Tech University Special Collections
Creator:	Driver, Nell H. (Ruby Nell Haas), 1920-2012
Creator:	Evins, Joe L. (Joe Landon), 1910-1984
Creator:	Driver, James G. (Bobo), 1916-1992
Source:	Driver, James G. (Bobo), 1916-1992
Source:	Driver, Nell H. (Ruby Nell Haas), 1920-2012
Creator:	Tennessee Technological University
Creator:	Smithville Fiddler's Jamboree and Crafts Festival
Title:	James G. "Bobo" Driver family Smithville collection
ID:	RG.0000.0176
Date [inclusive]:	1968-2001
Physical Description:	.25 Cubic Feet
Physical Description:	.02 Cubic Feet Record album
Language of the Material:	English .

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Biographical / Historical

James G. "Bobo" Driver and Nell Driver were both prominent members of Smithville, Tennessee. Along with their children, the Drivers formed the Driver Family Band, which performed locally, such as on the steps of the DeKalb County Courthouse in Smithville, Tennessee, as well as professionally at the Junior Grand Ole Opry. Bobo was an integral founder of the Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree, alongside Berry C. Evins and Joe L. Evins. Nell also worked within the Jamboree, serving as the registrar of the festival for fifteen years. The Drivers' involvement in the Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree contributed to the eventual donation of the Driver Family Collection, as the items were gifted to Tennessee Technological University Archives and Special Collections to append to the Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree Collection. The Drivers were also close friends of United States Congressman Joe L. Evins, and they attended

many of his political rallies and events. One of the most notable in the collection is the Joe L. Evins Tribute, which was hosted at Tennessee Technological University in 1976. It was through this friendship that the Drivers acquired numerous ephemeral and personal items from Evins, gathered in the form of a scrapbook. The Drivers, as pillars of the Smithville community, participated in the Smithville-DeKalb Founders Day Celebration in 1968, and objects from the celebration are included in the collection.

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Content Description

The Driver Family Collection consists of various materials gathered by James Gray "Bobo" Driver (1916-1992) and Ruby Nell Haas Driver (1920-2012). The materials in the collection range from 1968 to 2001. Multiple items are ephemeral, and some are handmade. Differing forms of recorded music are also present amongst the materials. The collection's primary subjects revolve around events and people of Smithville, Tennessee, including the Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree, the Smithville-DeKalb Founders Day Celebration in 1968, and Joe L. Evins' political career and tribute at Tennessee Tech University in 1976.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Smithville, Tennessee
- Fiddling -- Competitions
- Fiddlers
- Anniversaries
- scrapbooks
- photographs
- Driver, James G. (Bobo), 1916-1992
- Driver, Nell H. (Ruby Nell Haas), 1920-2012
- Evins, Joe L. (Joe Landon), 1910-1984
- Evins, Ann Smartt, 1910-1983
- Smithville Fiddler's Jamboree and Crafts Festival
- Driver, James G. (Bobo), 1916-1992
- Driver, Nell H. (Ruby Nell Haas), 1920-2012

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Joe L. Evins Tribute Day scrapbook, 1976-1985	Box 1
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Volumes	
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	

Scope and Contents

The scrapbook was created by Nell Driver, and consists of ephemera, political memorabilia, correspondences, documents, newspapers, photographs, and a poem. The book is primarily about Joe L. Evins and his political career, with most of the content originating from notable events such as the Joe L. Evins Tribute at Tennessee Technological University in 1976. The scrapbook contains a poem written by Joe L. Evins about his late wife Ann Evins, which he gifted to the Drivers a few weeks before his own death.

Controlled Access Headings:

- United States. Congress -- Committees
- hand fans
- political button
- napkins (culinary textile)
- greeting cards
- Tickets
- Newspapers
- Advertising fliers

- Evins, Joe L. (Joe Landon), 1910-1984

Old Time Smithville Jamboree album (recording from 1975 Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree), 1975 Folder 1

1987 Guide to Tennessee Travel, 1987

Language of the Material: English.

Smithville Review: Recollections-DeKalb County, 2001-07-04 Folder 2

Physical Description: .22 Cubic Feet

Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree album with James Casey (singer) and Joe L. Evins (lyrics) (signed), 1982-07-04 Box 1

Creator: Casey, James

Language of the Material: English.

Biographical / Historical

This album includes music performed by singer, songwriter James Casey with words by Joe L. Evins. It includes the song "The Smithville Jamboree."

Smithville Jamboree fan (paper with popsicle stick), 1993 Box 1

Creator: Smithville Fiddler's Jamboree and Crafts Festival

Language of the Material: English.

Controlled Access Headings:

- hand fans
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Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree compact disc, 2001 Box 1

Creator: Smithville Fiddler's Jamboree and Crafts Festival

Language of the Material: English.

Scope and Contents

The recordings are from the 30th Annual Jamboree and feature the winning performances.

Smithville-DeKalb Founders Day wooden nickels, 1968-08 Box 1

Controlled Access Headings:

- Anniversaries
 - Smithville, Tennessee
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Fiddler's Jamboree Station first issue stamp, 1986 Box 1

Creator: United States Postal Service

Language of the Material: English.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Postage stamps
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Smithville-DeKalb Founder's Day bumper sticker, 1968 Box 1 Folder 1

Language of the Material: English.

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Controlled Access Headings:

- Stickers

Smithville-Dekalb Founders Day Celebration brochure, 1968	Box 1	Folder 2
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Language of the Material: English.

Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree and Crafts Festival brochure, 2001, 2018	Box 1	Folder 3
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Language of the Material: English.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Brochures